PTO/SB/05 (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	29103/36396A
First Inventor	Paul Starkey
Title	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR TREATMENT OF VARICOSE VEINS
Express Mail Label No.	EV233431043US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO: MS Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. [ ] Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) *(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2. [X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. [X] Specification [*Total Pages* 23]
   (preferred arrangement set forth below)
   - Descriptive title of the invention
   - Cross Reference to Related Applications
   - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
   - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
   - Background of the Invention
   - Brief Summary of the Invention
   - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
   - Detailed Description
   - Claim(s)
   - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. [X] Drawing(s) *(35 U.S.C. 113)* [*Total Sheets* 7]
5. Oath or Declaration [*Total Sheets*]
   a. [ ] Newly executed (original or copy)
   b. [X] Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
      i. [ ] DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. [X] Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. [ ] CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program *(Appendix)*
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all necessary)*
   a. [ ] Computer Readable Form (CRF)
   b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
      i. [ ] CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. [ ] Paper
   c. [ ] Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. [ ] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. [ ] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)* [ ] Power of Attorney
11. [ ] English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [ ] Copies of IDS Citations
13. [X] Preliminary Amendment
14. [ ] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
15. [ ] Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16. [ ] Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. [ ] Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, *check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:*

[X] Continuation [ ] Divisional [ ] Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/444602

Prior application information: Examiner Not Yet Assigned *Art Unit:* N/A

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

[X] Customer Number: 04743 *OR* [ ] Correspondence address below

Name	MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP Jeffrey S. Sharp				
Address	233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6300 Sears Tower				
City	Chicago	*State*	IL	*Zip Code*	60606-6357
Country	US	*Telephone*	(312) 474-6300	*Fax*	(312) 474-0448

Name (Print/Type)	Jeffrey S. Sharp	*Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)*	31,879
Signature		*Date*	**October 14, 2003**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV233431043US, in an envelope addressed to: MS Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: October 14, 2003 Signature: (Richard Zimmermann)

101403 17204 U.S. PTO
16235 U.S. PTO 10/685835 101403

Application No. (if known): Attorney Docket No.: 29103/36396A

Certificate of Express Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV233431043US in an envelope addressed to:

MS Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on **October 14, 2003**
Date

Signature

Richard Zimmermann
Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Application Data Sheet